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THE *BATMAN/SUPERMAN: WORLD'S FINEST* CREATORS TAKE ON THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL!

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"THE HORIZON ARE HERE...

"...AND WE'RE NOT READY!"

I'M JUST A GOTH GIRL FROM BLÜDHAVEN. I NEVER EXPECTED TO BECOME A METAHUMAN, LET ALONE A GUARDIAN FOR AN ALIEN RACE!

GUARDIAN? YOU MEAN "SENTRY FOR A POSSIBLE INVASION"! THAT SHIP IS HEADING STRAIGHT FOR PALMERA CITY!

JAIME REYES, THE VESSEL IS INCREASING VELOCITY AT A RAPID RATE.

IT'S SPEEDING UP? KHAJI, THIS ISN'T GOOD...

INCOMING TRANSMISSION!

ANOTHER SIGNAL FROM THE HORIZON?

INCOMING TRANSMISSION!

INCOMING TRANSMISSION!

ARE YOU PICKING THIS UP, TOO? I CAN'T MAKE SENSE OF IT.

INCOMING TRANSMISSION!

YUP! WHAT DOES THIS SIGNAL MEAN?

INCOMING TRANSMISSION!

SO MUCH INFORMATION.

SO MUCH NOISE!

TRANSLATING SIGNAL NOW...

PROCESSING...

YOU GOT THIS, KHAJI!

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? THEY'RE GOING TO MESS WITH THE KID.

WE NEED TO BLAST IT OUT OF THE SKY!

NO.

WE WAIT FOR JAIME. HE CAN DO THIS.

THAT'S IT! NICE WORK, KHAJI!

I KNOW WHAT THE SIGNAL MEANS. WHAT THE HORIZON ARE TRYING TO TELL US!

IT'S NOT A WARNING! IT'S AN S.O.S.!

THE HORIZON'S SHIP IS *DAMAGED!* WE NEED TO HELP THEM!

YOU HEARD THE MAN. IT'S TIME FOR ACTION!

SHAZAM, GREEN LANTERN, GET UP THERE!

WE NEED TO CHANGE THAT SHIP'S TRAJECTORY, MAKE SURE IT STAYS AWAY FROM THE CITY.

BEETLE, YOU TAKE POINT.

ME?!

LIKE WE SAID, *WE TRUST YOU.*

IF ANYONE CAN STOP THIS, IT'S *YOU.*

OKAY, EVERYONE! LET'S GO!

LET'S SEE WHAT THIS NEW ARMOR CAN DO...

IT LOOKS LIKE THE SHIP IS *BREAKING APART!* I SEE *SPACE ROCKS,* TOO!

JESSICA!

I THINK I CAN HOLD THE SHIP TOGETHER FOR NOW, BUT TAKING CARE OF THOSE METEORS IS ANOTHER PROBLEM!

ANYONE HAVE ANY IDEAS?

THREE VERSUS ONE! I LIKE THOSE ODDS.

LEAVE IT TO ME. I'LL START CRUSHING--

WOOMF!

OOW!

SHAZAM!

HE'LL BE FINE.

JAIME, DON'T LOSE FOCUS!

AGGHHH!

THIS THING IS PICKING UP *MORE SPEED!* I CAN'T HOLD IT MUCH LONGER!

JESSICA, SUPERMAN, FOCUS ON THOSE METEORS!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE SHIP *MYSELF--SOMEHOW!*

GOOD LUCK, JAIME.

ENERGY REPULSION IS READY, JAIME REYES.

FULL POWER!

LET'S PUT THIS POWER-UP THROUGH ITS PACES.

SHOOOOM--

THE LEGADO ARMOR MAKES IT FEEL LIKE THERE'S LIGHTNING IN MY VEINS.

BUT MY STRENGTH DOESN'T COME FROM THE ARMOR.

IT COMES FROM EVERYTHING I'VE **GAINED** ALONG THE WAY.

I OWE **EVERY** STEP OF MY JOURNEY TO THOSE WHO STAND BESIDE ME.

MENTORS.

FRIENDS.

FAMILY.

EVERY **MISTAKE** I'VE MADE IS A LESSON I'VE LEARNED.

AND I'LL NEVER STOP FIGHTING FOR THE **LEGACY** OF THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE ME!

WITH ALL OF THEM BY MY SIDE, I CAN'T LOSE!

RRRRAAAAAHHHH!

THESE FRAGMENTS ARE HEADING TOWARD THE CITY!

NOT IF WE CAN HELP IT!

KHAJI! PUT ALL POWER TO THE BLASTER!

OTHER SYSTEMS WILL BE COMPROMISED IF YOU...

YOU HEARD ME!

REROUTING FROM RESERVE POWER.

¡VAMOS, KHAJI!

WHOOOSH

THE SHIP'S VELOCITY IS DECREASING.

BUT NOT FAST ENOUGH. THAT SHIP AND DEBRIS WILL BE RAINING DOWN ANY SECOND!

FASCINATING.

ALMOST THERE...

POWER RESERVES ARE AT CRITICAL. PREPARING LIFE SUPPORT MEASURES.

NO, KHAJI, WE NEED EVERY BIT OF POWER!

ALL OF IT!

LET'S SEE YOU PUT THOSE MUSCLES TO WORK, DYNASTES!

CONDOR?

I WILL NOT FAIL!

THE WIND WILL AID MY HAND IN PROTECTING PALMERA!

OOF! THIS WAS A LITTLE CLOSE FOR COMFORT!

¡CUIDADO--!

CHECK

LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE A NEW HERO ON OUR HANDS!

I UH...

WOW.

UNHHHH...

HE DID IT!

SPLOOSH

JAIME REDIRECTED THE SHIP TOWARD THE OCEAN...!

BUT WHY IS HE *FALLING* LIKE THAT?

X'HAL!

JAIME!

WAKE UP!

MAMÁ...

PAPÁ...

OOOMMF!

EASY THERE.

DID WE...?

YOU DID GOOD, JAIME.

I'M GLAD I HELPED AND ALL, BUT...

...WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

WE DO WHAT YOU WANTED...

...WE TALK TO THEM.

WSHH!

GULP

DYNASTES, NITIDA.

WE HAVE LEARNED MUCH OF YOUR SOCIETY BEFORE OUR ARRIVAL. YOUR CULTURE, YOUR *LANGUAGES*...

YOUR *CHAMPIONS*.

I AM *OOD A'BAR, SHEPHERD* OF THESE *HORIZON*.

WE COME SEEKING YOUR AID.

SO THEY'RE NOT WARRIORS AFTER ALL.

THE REACH! THEY'RE HERE!

SOMEONE STOP THEM!

WHOA! NO... I'M NOT!

THE REACH REMAINS.

YOU *FAILED* YOUR MISSION. *BOTH* OF YOU HAVE.

OOD, RIGHT? BLUE BEETLE *IS* OF THE REACH, BUT HE IS A *PROTECTOR* OF EARTH, *NOT* A CONQUEROR.

HE RESISTED THE REACH'S CONTROL.

HE *DEFIED* HIS PROGRAMMING? IMPOSSIBLE.

NOT IMPOSSIBLE. IT'S JUST LIKE HOW WE DEFIED *YOURS*.

YEAH! WE NEVER AGREED TO YOUR STUPID MISSION! YOU TRIED TO CONQUER *US*.

BUT WHEN THINGS GOT TOUGH, IT WAS *BLUE BEETLE* WHO STOOD BY OUR SIDE!

I RECOGNIZE THE SCARAB. *KHAJI DA*.

ONE OF THE REACH'S MOST DANGEROUS WEAPONS. IT WIELDS *TERRIFYING POWER*.

YEAH, BUT I'M A NICE GUY!

MOSTLY.

SHEPHERD OOD, BLUE BEETLE MEANS NO HARM TO YOU OR YOUR PEOPLE.

AH, THE HOUSE OF EL! *YOU* ARE THE REASON WE ARRIVED. *YOU* ARE THE ONE WHO REPELLED THE FIRST REACH INVASION, YES?

ME?

NO--THAT WAS ALL *JAIME!*

HMM, SO THIS SCARAB DID REBEL?

AS YOU KNOW, THE REACH ARE *TYRANTS*. MANY OF US ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE THE THROES OF THE REACH, BUT FEW WERE SUCCESSFUL.

IN ORDER TO SURVIVE, TO ESCAPE CAPTURE, WE NEVER STOPPED RUNNING.

WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING IF THERE ARE *OTHERS* OUT THERE. WE MAY BE THE ONLY ONES LEFT...

WE WILL HONOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO KHAJI DA, AND ITS HOST. FOR NOW.

OUR SHIP IS DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR, OUR RESOURCES ARE FINITE, AND OUR PEOPLE ARE WEAK AND FAMISHED.

WE CAME HERE TO FIND A *PERMANENT HOME.*

I WILL CONTACT THE GUARDIANS. THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS CAN HELP FIND AN UNINHABITED PLANET TO--

NO!

THEY STAY *HERE*, IN PALMERA CITY.

JAIME?

THEY CAME ALL THIS WAY FOR A *REASON*. THEY'RE SCARED, THEY'RE HUNGRY, AND THEY'RE *ALONE*.

I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE OUT OF MY ELEMENT, FEELING LIKE THERE'S *NO ONE* LOOKING OUT FOR ME.

WE'RE NOT JUST GOING TO STICK THEM ON SOME *ROCK* IN OUTER SPACE!

PALMERA CITY IS MY HOME, AND I WON'T LET *ANYTHING* HAPPEN TO THE HORIZON.

THEY BELONG *HERE!*

YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, JAIME...

WHO WILL FEED THEM? HOUSE THEM? *GUIDE THEM?*

ALLOW ME!

SORRY TO BUTT IN.

TEDDY AND I HAVE THE RESOURCES TO HELP. WE CAN MAKE PALMERA CITY A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE HORIZON!

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD A *GENEROUS SIDE.*

THAT'S RICH COMING FROM A *THIEF.*

DON'T THINK FOR A SECOND I'M LETTING *THAT* GO...

KORD INDUSTRIES SEEKS TO BRIDGE THE DIVIDE BETWEEN ALIEN AND TERRESTRIAL SCIENCE. ONLY THROUGH SHARED KNOWLEDGE CAN WE FIND ***LASTING PEACE.***

I'M VICTORIA, BY THE WAY.

WE CAN WORK OUT THE SPECIFICS, BUT UNTIL THEN I WELCOME YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE TO PALMERA CITY, WITH OPEN ARMS.

ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU WANT, JAIME?

YOU KNOW, ALL SUMMER I'VE BEEN WONDERING WHY I'M EVEN HERE.

I THINK THIS IS IT.

SO THAT'S THAT? AFTER EVERYTHING, WE'RE GOING TO ROLL OUT THE WELCOME WAGON?

THAT'S *EXACTLY* WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO.

I HAVE *MISGIVINGS* ABOUT THIS PLAN.

AY NO.

HOWEVER, WE HAVE YOUR BACK NO MATTER *WHAT* HAPPENS.

GOOD WORK, JAIME.

JAIME, I NEED TO APOLOGIZE FOR WHAT I DID.

YOU DO.

IT'S OKAY, VIC.

YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE DOING THE RIGHT THING-- AND YOU PROBABLY WERE! IT'S WHY I LOOK UP TO YOU SO MUCH.

HMMF!

I AM *NOT* AS WILLING TO FORGIVE. WE'LL DISCUSS THIS AT TITANS TOWER.

HAHA! IT'S GOING TO BE OKAY, STARFIRE!

WE DID IT. WE SAVED THE DAY!

NO, JAIME. YOU SAVED THE DAY.

AND IT COULDN'T HAVE GONE ANY BETTER.

BUT...

...THIS IS AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF RESPONSIBILITY YOU'RE TAKING ON.

ALIENS IN PALMERA CITY? NEW POWERS?

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE UP FOR IT?

YEAH! THAT'S WHAT I THINK I LEARNED FROM YOU, SUPERMAN.

I DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS ALONE!

I HAVE A WHOLE BUNCH OF PEOPLE HERE TO HELP!

I MAY BE FAR FROM HOME, BUT I STILL HAVE A FAMILY LOOKING OUT FOR ME.

AND I'LL ALWAYS LOOK OUT FOR THEM.

Weeks later.

MY NAME IS JAIME REYES.

I'M KIND OF A SUPERHERO.

¡AY NO! ¡TARDE OTRA VEZ!

I GREW UP SOMEWHERE SPECIAL, WITH A FAMILY THAT LOVED AND SUPPORTED ME THROUGH **ALL SORTS** OF TOUGH TIMES.

IT WAS SOMEWHERE THAT MADE ME THE **HERO** I AM TODAY.

I LIVE IN THE CITY NOW, BUT IT'S STARTING TO GROW ON ME.

NEW FRIENDS, A NEW JOB...

NEW ADVENTURES!

WHAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A "GAP YEAR" HAS TURNED INTO SOMETHING MUCH DIFFERENT.

A CALLING.

I FOUND PEOPLE WHO NEED ME.

I FOUND A PURPOSE.

THINGS ARE GETTING REAL WEIRD, BUT I DON'T MIND ONE BIT.

DEAD INSIDE

FOR ME AND MY LIFE, WEIRD IS PART OF THE PACKAGE.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME, I'M EXCITED ABOUT THE FUTURE.

AND WHATEVER COMES MY WAY, I'LL BE READY.

IT WON'T BE EASY, BUT WE'LL FIGURE IT OUT.

TOGETHER.

THE POSSIBILITIES.

AFTER ALL, I'M THE BLUE BEETLE!

I TOTALLY HAVE THIS UNDER CONTROL.

DEAD INSIDE

GRADUATION DAY

CONCLUSION

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Epilogue.

HMM.

WHAT WAS THE DEAL WITH THIS BAG, ANYWAY...?

GAH!

HNN!

OOF!

OW!

OOF! THERE WE GO.

WHERE THE HELL AM I, ANYWAY?

GIMMIX?!

AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD?!

OH. YOU LOOK LIKE YOU HAVE POWERS.

GOOD...

...BECAUSE WE'RE ALL IN BIG @#$%^&' TROUBLE.

TO BE CONTINUED IN BLUE BEETLE: SCARAB WAR #1. OUT IN SEPTEMBER!

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- ☐ SUPERBOY: THE MAN OF TOMORROW #1

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LOOK FOR MORE TITLES TO BE REVEALED THROUGHOUT 2023!

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BATMAN #900

DARK KNIGHT vs. RED MASK!

THE CONCLUSION OF "THE BAT-MAN OF GOTHAM"
...AND THE UNBELIEVABLE START
OF WHAT'S NEXT!

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DC NATION SPOTLIGHT ON

GREEN ARROW

INTERVIEW WITH JOSHUA WILLIAMSON

The Emerald Archer joins the Dawn of DC era in April with a new six-issue series from writer Joshua Williamson and artist Sean Izaakse...only thing is, Oliver Queen is missing somewhere in the DC Universe, and it'll take his whole family to find him!

IS *GREEN ARROW* A SERIES YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO WRITE?

Green Arrow has been one of my favorite characters since I was a kid. When I started to write comics, I had a story I wanted to tell with Oliver Queen. I'd try to get him into the books I was writing and it would never work out, but after *Dark Crisis* the timing finally came together. I can tell the story and finally give the Green Arrow family the reunion it deserves.

WHAT HAS THE DC UNIVERSE MISSED WITHOUT OLIVER QUEEN?

Attitude. He's that cocky, daring Robin Hood who brought truth to power in a way only he could do. It's also so much more than that. The DC Universe has been missing the Green Arrow family. His cast of characters that were built over years have been separated...and one of our goals is to bring them back.

WHAT ROLE DOES OLIVER QUEEN'S FAMILY—BLACK CANARY, CONNOR HAWKE, AND ROY HARPER—PLAY IN THE SERIES?

His whole family is on the search for Ollie. That's a major piece of the story in the beginning, but something else comes up that alerts them to a very big problem in the DCU. It unlocks a mystery that's been brewing within the Dawn of DC world.

WHAT DOES ARTIST SEAN IZAAKSE BRING TO THIS SERIES?

Passion and talent. I feel incredibly lucky to be partnered with someone who loves Green Arrow and his family as much as I do. He also knows the mythology and uses that to elevate the art.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE TRICK ARROW FROM OLIVER'S ARSENAL?

The boxing-glove arrow will always have a special place in my heart. But in #1 we introduce a new arrow that is now my favorite.

HAVE YOU EVER DONE ARCHERY—AND IF SO, IS IT AS EASY AS GREEN ARROW MAKES IT LOOK?

I have tried and wasn't very good at it. But...I've never been stranded on an island where I had no choice but to learn.

However, Sean is an archer and actually has his own equipment. Sean brought that knowledge to the series.

DON'T MISS *GREEN ARROW* #1, ON SALE IN APRIL!

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